

MNC-5122  
4 September 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- August

## I. GENERAL

A. Relocation -- The architects preparing the plans for our new bureau completed the tender package at the end of the month, for issuance at the outset of September to 10 construction firms that have been invited to bid on the project. It is expected that the lease on the building site will be signed in mid-September, so that both lease and construction contract will be finalized before the end of this fiscal year.

B. The bureau held a small party on 28 August to mark the retirement of Senior Arabic Monitor [redacted] following 25 years' service. A message from the Director of FBIS was read to [redacted] who received the FBIS Retirement Plaque and a silver plate from her colleagues.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In response to an anticipated 24-hour strike at the BBC on 7 August and to the extraordinary Arab summit that was scheduled to be held in Casablanca on the same day, the bureau prepared detailed plans to assume London Bureau's coverage of Libyan, Moroccan, Tunisian and Algerian radios and press agencies. This involved extensive reception checks and the scheduling of additional staffing, which proved unnecessary in the event, as London maintained its Mahgreb coverage commitments.

2. The Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation, a new television station affiliated with the Phalangist Lebanese Forces, transmitted its formal inaugural broadcast on 23 August from Juniyah, north of Beirut. The station was first observed at Nicosia on 20 August broadcasting test transmissions. Although reception of its test transmissions had been fair to good, the actual inaugural broadcast was barely monitorable.

### B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of U.S. Ambassador Richard Boehm, the bureau provided extensive excerpts of the Greek Cypriot archbishop's Assumption Day sermon, delivered on 15 August, which apparently provoked a harsh response from Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktas.

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2. The bureau alerted appropriate embassy staff personnel to two Cypriot press reports on the arrival in Cyprus of a group of unidentified "saboteurs," who, it was reported, are planning to target foreign embassies for terrorist attacks. The reports appeared in the 3 August and 30 August editions of O FILELEVTHEROS and ALITHEA, respectively; both are independent dailies.

#### C. Technical

1. A new FM antenna was installed at the bureau. At the same time, a new headmast TV amplifier was installed, to improve UHF television reception.

2. No progress was made in August in our plans to transfer our remote installation from Kili to Lara because of numerous extended vacations taken by key CYTA personnel. We expect to reactivate the project in September. The same holds true of the installation of our new beverage antenna at Pissouri, for the same reason.

3. One JVC multisystem television monitor was purchased locally and pouched to Tel Aviv Bureau. A Sharp multisystem VHS videocassette recorder for Tel Aviv is now on order.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. [ ] entered on duty on 1 August as an Arabic monitor trainee. STAT

2. Regional Engineer [ ] a month on R & R in the United States, from 3 August to 3 September. STAT

3. Bureau Chief [ ] went on R & R to the United States 8 August-3 September. STAT

4. Our new associate editor, [ ] entered on duty and began her training on 5 August. STAT

5. Arabic Senior Monitor [ ] retired effective 31 August.

#### B. Visitors

1. Headquarters Engineer [ ] spent 2-6 August at the bureau TDY in connection with our relocation project. STAT

[ ] STAT

A/Chief, Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

## Nicosia Bureau Production Report for August 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:         | 272120 |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:     | 62040  |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 960    |

|  | BROAD-<br>CASTS | PRESS<br>AGENCIES | PUBLI-<br>CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:<br>(minutes or issues per week) | 8565.00<br>min. | 21420.00<br>min.  | 117.00<br>issues  |

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

|  |       |  |      |
|--|-------|--|------|
| CHINA                                  |       |  |      |
| Beijing in                             |       |  |      |
| Persian to Iran                        | 0     |  |      |
| CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)                   |       |  |      |
| (Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in    |       |  |      |
| Arabic                                 | 16860 |  |      |
| *(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in   |       |  |      |
| English                                | 1260  |  |      |
| (Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in |       |  |      |
| Arabic                                 | 17570 |  |      |
| CYPRUS                                 |       |  |      |
| Nicosia Domestic Service in            |       |  |      |
| Greek                                  | 5860  |  |      |
| *Nicosia Television Service in         |       |  |      |
| English                                | 200   |  |      |
| *Nicosia Television Service in         |       |  |      |
| Greek                                  | 690   |  |      |
| *Nicosia ALITHIA in                    |       |  |      |
| Greek                                  |       |  | 270  |
| Nicosia Cyprus MAIL in                 |       |  |      |
| English                                |       |  | 450  |
| Nicosia I ELEVTHEROTIPIA in            |       |  |      |
| Greek                                  |       |  | 1160 |
| Nicosia I ELEVTHEROTIPIA tis DHEFTERAS |       |  |      |
| IN                                     |       |  |      |
| Greek                                  |       |  | 330  |
| Nicosia I SIMERINI in                  |       |  |      |
| Greek                                  |       |  | 2610 |
| Nicosia I SIMERINI tis DHEFTERAS in    |       |  |      |
| Greek                                  |       |  | 0    |

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|  | BROAD-<br>CASTS | PRESS<br>AGENCIES | PUBLI-<br>CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Nicosia KHARAVYI in<br>Greek                           |                 |                   | 1350              |
| Nicosia KHARAVYI tis DHEFTERAS in<br>Greek             |                 |                   | 100               |
| Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in<br>Greek                    |                 |                   | 1660              |
| Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS tis<br>DHEFTERAS in<br>Greek   |                 |                   | 0                 |
| *Nicosia PRESS AND INFORMATION<br>OFFICE in<br>English |                 |                   | 360               |
| EGYPT  |                 |                   |                   |
| Cairo Domestic Service in<br>Arabic                    | 16210           |                   |                   |
| *Cairo Voice of the Arabs in<br>Arabic                 | 7280            |                   |                   |
| Cairo MENA in<br>Arabic                                |                 | 33860             |                   |
| Cairo MENA in<br>English                               |                 | 3060              |                   |
| FRANCE   |                 |                   |                   |
| Paris AFP in<br>English                                |                 | 22330             |                   |
| GREECE   |                 |                   |                   |
| Athens Domestic Service in<br>Greek                    | 9520            |                   |                   |
| Athens ATHENS NEWS in<br>English                       |                 |                   | 2910              |
| Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in<br>Greek                      |                 |                   | 6140              |
| Athens I KATHIMERINI in<br>Greek                       |                 |                   | 3920              |
| Athens KIRIAKATIKI ELEVTHEROTIPIA in<br>Greek          |                 |                   | 320               |
| Athens RIZOSPASTIS in<br>Greek                         |                 |                   | 1620              |
| IRAQ   |                 |                   |                   |
| Baghdad in<br>Persian to Iran                          | 0               |                   |                   |
| LEBANON  |                 |                   |                   |
| Beirut Domestic Service in<br>Arabic                   | 53170           |                   |                   |

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|  | BROAD-<br>CASTS | PRESS<br>AGENCIES | PUBLI-<br>CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| *Beirut Domestic Service in<br>English                       | 170             |                   |                   |
| Beirut Voice of Lebanon in<br>Arabic                         | 38180           |                   |                   |
| Beirut Ihdin Radio of Free & Unified<br>Lebanon in<br>Arabic | 2160            |                   |                   |
| Beirut AL_NAHAR in<br>Arabic                                 |                 |                   | 3830              |
| Beirut AL_SAFIR in<br>Arabic                                 |                 |                   | 8480              |
| Beirut MONDAY MORNING in<br>English                          |                 |                   | 4550              |
| <br>LIBYA  |                 |                   |                   |
| Tripoli Domestic Service in<br>Arabic                        | 1800            |                   |                   |
| <br>TURKEY   |                 |                   |                   |
| Ankara YANKI in<br>Turkish                                   |                 |                   | 0                 |
| Istanbul CUMHURIYET in<br>Turkish                            |                 |                   | 0                 |
| Istanbul DUNYA in<br>Turkish                                 |                 |                   | 0                 |
| Istanbul GUNAYDIN in<br>Turkish                              |                 |                   | 0                 |
| Istanbul HURRIYET in<br>Turkish                              |                 |                   | 0                 |
| Istanbul MILLIYET in<br>Turkish                              |                 |                   | 0                 |
| Istanbul TERCUMAN in<br>Turkish                              |                 |                   | 0                 |
| <br>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS                      |                 |                   |                   |
| Moscow in<br>Greek to Cyprus                                 | 980             |                   |                   |
| Moscow in<br>Persian to Iran                                 | 900             |                   |                   |